



2020 - 2030

Strategic Community Plan



Progress Report

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Shire of Yilgarn

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PILLAR: Social

An inclusive, secure and welcoming community that encourages families, youth and the aged to remain and contribute to our Shire in the long term.

OUTCOME	ACHIEVED	WORKING TOWARDS
<p>Outcome 1.1 Maintain / increase percentage of residents engaged in recreation, cultural and leisure activities for all demographics in the Shire</p> <p>1.1.1 Continue to implement and support community programs</p> <p>1.1.2 Provide and maintain high quality community infrastructure (recreation centre, oval, bowls, swimming pool, library, community centre, halls)</p> <p>1.1.3 Support the provision of child care facilities within the community</p> <p>1.1.4 Explore opportunities for youth programs</p> <p>1.1.5 Provide support to local sport, recreation and community groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New aquatic centre ✓ Upgrades to Constellation Park, BBQ area and skatepark ✓ New playgrounds installed at each satellite town ✓ Provision of subsidised annual facilities fee for sporting clubs ✓ Support REED daycare though provision of building and maintenance ✓ Support youth through CRC initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Major upgrade to recreation centre / sporting complex > Implementing improved community engagement / development approach through Shire staff > Looking at more youth initiatives/programs in conjunction with CRC
<p>Outcome 1.2 Retention and upgrade of the current health and education services and infrastructure (Shire and State responsibility)</p> <p>1.2.1 Value and promote educational opportunities to retain families and youth in the Shire</p> <p>1.2.2 Maintain quality infrastructure for health providers (medical centre, housing)</p> <p>1.2.3 Lobby state and federal government for improved health infrastructure</p> <p>1.2.4 Support continued incentive funding for a GP in the Shire</p> <p>1.2.5 Continue to provide free use of facilities for use by service providers (Chiropractor, Physiotherapist, Veterinarian)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to support provision of key health services by maintaining Medical Centre and provision of GP housing ✓ Continue to support locally based and visiting auxiliary health services ✓ Provision of space for visiting veterinarian services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Continue to lobby State and Health government for the retention and improvement of health services and infrastructure > Improved engagement with the schools

Outcome 1.3

High Quality and well maintained Aged Care facilities

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| 1.3.1 Continue to manage, refurbish and maintain the Homes for the Aged | ✓ Continue to provide and maintain 4 Aged ILU's, installed solar panels | > Working as a CEACA member to attract additional funding for future accommodation |
| 1.3.2 Support the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) Independent Living Unit's precinct in Southern Cross | ✓ Continue to manage and maintain Council's 12 Homes for Aged, including subsidised rent | |
| 1.3.3 Manage and maintain the Southern Cross Senior Citizens Centre | ✓ Retained CEACA membership, attend meetings, provision of 2 ILU's in Southern Cross
✓ Provide and maintain Southern Cross Seniors Centre free of charge | |

Outcome 1.4

Maintain a liveable, safe and secure community

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| 1.4.1 Retain a strong focus on community safety and crime prevention | ✓ Provision and maintenance of CCTV at Council facilities and in the community | > Set up of CCTV on external roads to assist in monitoring usage |
| 1.4.2 Advocate and actively support emergency management and services in the district | ✓ Provision of Ranger Services | |
| | ✓ Support Bush Fire Brigades, St John's and other emergency service volunteers | |
| | ✓ Actively participate in DOAC | |
| | ✓ Undertake fire mitigation initiatives in conjunction with Bush Fire Brigade | |
| | ✓ Major review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements in 2023 | |

PILLAR: Economic

A prosperous future for our community

OUTCOME	ACHIEVED	WORKING TOWARDS
<p>Outcome 2.1</p> <p>Improved telecommunications infrastructure</p> <p>2.1.1 Continue to lobby for improved telecommunications infrastructure to eliminate blackspots in the Shire</p> <p>2.1.2 Continue to re-broadcast FM Radio & TV channels for the Southern Cross community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Made submissions to State and Federal Communications Inquiry ✓ Continue to host and subsidise FM Radio & TV channels ✓ Provision of free Wi-Fi in main street for visitors 	
<p>Outcome 2.2</p> <p>Businesses in the Shire remain competitive and viable</p> <p>2.2.1 Continue to provide an efficient and effective approval processes</p> <p>2.2.2 Support the local business community and promote further investment in the district, including opportunities for industry growth and development</p> <p>2.2.3 Continue to support and manage the Community Resource Centre</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > This has been identified as an area of focus as part of community development by staff
<p>Outcome 2.3</p> <p>Quality and affordable housing is available</p> <p>2.3.1 Continue to invest in housing to attract professionals to the region to attract and retain professionals and young people in the Shire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Undertaken full housing asset review ✓ Sold 4 lots of vacant land to GROH for future housing ✓ Sold 1 house as old stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > New executive residence > Additional accommodation planned for caravan park > Selling old housing stock to fund new stock
<p>Outcome 2.4</p> <p>Tourism opportunities are maximised</p> <p>2.4.1 Continue to manage and promote the Southern Cross Caravan Park</p> <p>2.4.2 Continue to support the Southern Cross Museum</p> <p>2.4.3 Re-establish a Yilgarn Tourism Committee to advise/recommend to Council on actions to promote tourism in the district</p> <p>2.4.4 Improve Visitor information services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New tourism website created ✓ Taken on the museum curator role through the CRC ✓ Shire staff assisting covering opening hours at museum ✓ The Yilgarn Tourism Committee is meeting ✓ Provision of free Wi-Fi in main street for visitors ✓ Townsite walk trail with QR Codes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > New accommodation at caravan park 2024/25 > Upgrades planned at caravan park in 2024/25 > WEROC Tourism promotional trail signage
<p>Outcome 2.5</p> <p>Safety and quality of transport networks are maintained and improved</p> <p>2.5.1 Continue to maintain and upgrade our road network</p> <p>2.5.2 Continue to maintain the Southern Cross Airstrip and facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full asset review of road network to identify what we have and what we need ✓ Maintain airstrip facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Develop strategy for road maintenance and upgrade > Monitor reduced airstrip usage by Mineral Resources and future impacts

PILLAR: Environmental

Protecting, utilising and enhancing our beautiful natural heritage

OUTCOME	ACHIEVED	WORKING TOWARDS
<p>Outcome 3.1 Satisfaction with waste management services and recycling processes</p> <p>3.1.1 Establish and maintain environmentally sound regional waste facilities to cater for the Shires long term waste disposal requirements</p> <p>3.1.2 Continue to provide & promote recycling services, including fortnightly household pick up and e-waste collection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ WEROC Regional Waste Strategy developed ✓ Maintained Southern Cross waste site ✓ Continued to support initiatives such as DrumMuster and recycling ✓ Provision of site for Containers for Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Looking to convert 5 outer refuse sites to transfer stations > Improved waste and recycling education through identified WEROC Waste Strategy initiatives
<p>Outcome 3.2 A valuable natural environment where community members in all industries and government invest in landcare initiative</p> <p>3.2.1 Lobby for continued investment in landcare and conservation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Undertaken initiatives such as Saltbush planting program and the National Tree Day plantings in conjunction with School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Support local conservation initiatives
<p>Outcome 3.3 Satisfaction with sewerage services</p> <p>3.3.1 Continue to maintain current sewerage systems in accordance with licensing requirements and asset management plan</p> <p>3.3.2 Continue to use recycled water for use at the Southern Cross Oval and Constellation Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Undertaken surveillance pick up on sewerage system ✓ Employed plumber on Shire ✓ Continuing recycled water usage ✓ Upgrade chlorine system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Developing strategy for sewerage systems for maintenance and upgrade for Southern Cross and Marvel Loch
<p>Outcome 3.4 Increase investment I renewable energy (private and/or public)</p> <p>3.4.1 Investigate the feasibility of renewable energy projects to cater for the long-term energy needs of the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Solar panels placed on aged housing and 4 residences ✓ Worked with private business to install EV charging stations in town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Planning to install solar panels on aquatic centre recreation centre and Depot Admin building > Working collaboratively with wind farm companies for future development

PILLAR: Civic Leadership

Dynamic and visionary leadership guiding our community into the future

OUTCOME	ACHIEVED	WORKING TOWARDS
<p>Outcome 4.1 A trustworthy and cohesive Council that functions efficiently and effectively</p> <p>4.1.1 Ensure compliance whilst embracing innovation and best practice principles</p> <p>4.1.2 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability</p>	<p>✓ Staff awareness and implementation of changes to legislation</p>	<p>> Jointly investigating options for best future financial management systems with WEROC</p>
<p>Outcome 4.2 A community that respects and values Council staff and elected members</p> <p>4.2.1 Ensure adequate training programs for elected members and staff</p> <p>4.2.2 Provide leadership to the community, staff and wider region</p>	<p>✓ Training made available and budgeted for Councillors</p> <p>✓ Staff undertake training requirements and professional development</p> <p>✓ Limited complaints made, indicating community satisfaction</p>	<p>> Staff working towards improved provision of community development and engagement</p>
<p>Outcome 4.3 Positive and productive relationships</p> <p>4.3.1 Actively participate in regional forums including Great Eastern Country Zone WALGA, Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils, Wheatbelt Communities and CEACA</p>	<p>✓ President, Delegate and CEO attend and actively participate in all WALGA Zone Meetings</p> <p>✓ Councillors and CEO attendance at the WALGA State Conference</p> <p>✓ President and CEO attend and actively participate in all WEROC meetings</p> <p>✓ President and CEO attend and actively participate in all CEACA Meetings</p> <p>✓ CEO and other Senior staff attend LG Professionals Wheatbelt Branch Meetings and Annual Conference. With the CEO now the President of the Branch.</p>	<p>> Attend the 2025 WALGA Zone Conference</p>